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We Wish Our Readers a Merry Christmas

TO OBSERVE CHRISTMAS AS TRUE HOLIDAY HERE

Arrangements Made for General Celebration Tomorrow

SERVICES IN CHURCHES

Programs to be Carried Out ---Banks and Business Houses Open Tonight

Christmas will be observed as a true holiday in Charleroi and indications and weather prophets point to the belief that it will be an old-fashioned white Christmas. Shopping has been good in spite of the business depression. In the churches the spirit of Christmas will be made manifest with a general celebration in honor to the birth of the Savior. The Christmas observance was virtually started last Sunday.

Among the most elaborate observances of the day will be those at St. Jerome's church, at St. Mary's Episcopal church and at the Methodist Episcopal church. At St. Mary's church Christmas exercises will be held in the morning at 10 o'clock and will consist of a morning prayer and holy communion at 10 o'clock. The following is the music program to be rendered.

Processional—"O Come all ye Faithful."
Venite—Mendelssohn.
Te Deum—Semper.
Benediction—Barnby
Hymn—"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear."
Gloria Tibi and Gradual—Woodward.
Hymn—"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks.
Anthem—White.
Sursum Corda and Canctus—Camidge.
Benediction—Morley.
Gloria in Exesus—Old Chant.
Nunc Dimittis—Turtle.
Recessional—"Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

At St. Jerome's church there will be six masses, at 5, 6, 7, 8, 8:30 and 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning. The first and last masses will be high masses. The newly organized male choir under direction of Joseph Schoener will sing at 9:30. Mrs Bertha Kleist is the organist.

A Christmas cantata, "Santa Claus in Slumberland" will be given by the children of the Sunday school of the Methodist Episcopal church tomorrow night, and treat will be distributed.

Christmas day at Christ Lutheran church will be celebrated with early services at 6:30 o'clock tomorrow morning. In the past the services have been enjoyable and helpful and Rev. C. P. Bastian extends a general invitation.

An entertainment and treat will be held at the First Christian church this evening at 7 o'clock.

The annual treat was distributed

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Asking New Speers Road

Request to be Presented to State and County For Thoroughfare

Speers, Twilight and Fallowfield township citizens are getting plans ready to present a request to the state and county for a state and county highway from Speers through Twilight borough. The route proposed will be that of the old state road connecting with the Charleroi and Bentleyville road at William McCracken's farm. Speers, according to plan will have one half mile, Twilight one mile and Fallowfield about three or three and one-half miles. The proposed pike is located in a thickly populated community and people reaching Speers will have an easy route to travel to Charleroi, according to the plan formulated. It is likely that aid will be asked from Charleroi borough

SUICIDE REPORTED

Monessen Man Found Dead After Absence of Few Days

SUPPOSED DESPONDENT

Although he evidently had committed suicide by asphyxiation during last week, the body of Victor Lindgren, aged about 35 years was not discovered in his bakeshop at Monessen Tuesday. The grewsome find was made by Jack Menefee, owner of the property, who decided to visit the building following the mysterious disappearance of Lindgren.

With a rifle clutched in one hand, the lifeless body was found lying on top of the bake oven in the shop. A disconnected joint in the gas pipe told how he had met death. It is presumed that Lindgren planned to shoot himself if his asphyxiation scheme did not prove successful.

Lindgren had been the victim of considerable misfortune recently.

Star Theatre.

"Zodora" every Thursday beginning December 24 at Star Theatre. The greatest of all stories. tf

Dances

The Monongahela Aerie of Eagles will give a dance Christmas evening in their hall at Monongahela. Peerless' Orchestra. General invitation. 145-t3

WILL SERVE TONIGHT SUPPER TO CHILDREN

Preparations Made for Treat at Rooms of Free Library Association---Baskets of Provisions to be Delivered

All things are in readiness for the supper which will be given to about 28 poor children in the Charleroi Free Library Association room this evening at 5:30 o'clock. Baskets of provisions will be distributed this evening to various families where there is need of Christmas cheer.

A large Christmas tree has been set up in the Library room and decorated. The tree is loaded with present for the children. There is a bag of popcorn, a half pound box of candy and a pair of stockings on the tree for each of about 60 children. Each girl will get a doll and each boy will get a book. In addition to this there are numerous other presents for the little folks. While there will be only about 28 children at the supper the other presents will be sent to the homes to children that could not come to the supper.

The children will be given a supper of roast turkey, mashed potatoes, gravey, pie, cake and ice cream. This afternoon at 2:30 o'clock the 28 children were the guests of Manager Coyle at the Coyle Theatre.

Charleroi people have been liberal and there will be plenty to send each basket to last several days. Everything for the supper was donated. Those interested in the proposition will be glad to have persons come in to see the tree and the children enjoying their supper.

NO ISSUE OF THE MAIL CHRISTMAS DAY

Following the usual custom there will be no publication of the Mail tomorrow, Christmas Day.

"READY MONEY" TO BE SHOWN AT THE COYLE

This evening at the Coyle theatre one of the famous Paramount pictures will be shown. The play to be given is "Ready Money," with Edward Abeles in the leading role. It is an interesting drama from the book by James Montgomery. For Christmas afternoon and evening special shows have been arranged. An entire different program will be given in the evening from that given in the afternoon.

See advertisement on other page for the great half price sale on holiday goods and toys. Open till noon Christmas. Kirk &Clark. 147-t1

Manicure sets, scissorss sets, brush sets and every kind of article for gifts—Berryman's. 146-t2

VAUDEVILLE PROGRAM INCLUDES BIG FEATURES

An excellent vaudeville program has been prepared for the week at the Palace theatre, Stella Cope, the banjo girl is an artist in her line. Hunter and Ross, are the merriest pair of comedians that were ever presented in Charleroi. Hagerty and Le Clare will present a comedy sketch entitled "The Butcher at the Haunted Fountain" A special matinee will be given Christmas afternoon.

Visit our china department for pretty china and dolls—Berryman's. 146-t2

See the big laughing show at the Coyle theatre tomorrow afternoon. Chas. Chaplin, in a two reel Keystone, "Dough and Dynamite" also some other good laugh producers. Entire change of program in the evening. 147-t1

VAUDEVILLE AT THE PALACE TONIGHT

One of the finest as well as most expensive attractions of the year. Special Christmas matinee at 2:30. 147-t1

WINNER OF SCHOLARSHIP IS HOME FOR VACATION

Miss Norma Bosson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bosson of Lookout avenue has returned for the holidays from Baltimore, Md., where she is a student in violin at the Peabody school of Music. Miss Bosson was the winner of a scholarship a few months ago that entitled her to a term at the school. She is getting along splendidly with her violin work.

BENEFIT DANCE TO BE GIVEN ON SATURDAY

The Belgians and French in Charleroi, with the aid of the local union of musicians, No. 592, are planning to give a benefit dance Saturday evening, December 26 in the Independance hall on Third street and Crest avenue. The proceeds of the dance are to be turned into the fund for the relief of the victims of the war in Belgium. The services of the orchestra under the leadership of F. Falise have been donated for the occasion. The Independance society is a large crowd. A general invitation to the public has been extended by the committee in charge.

Several hundred good books—new editions for children and grown-ups. Berryman's. 146-t2

Treats Mail Employes.

The force of the Mail Publishing company is indebted to Rev. John R. Burson, pastor of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church for a Christmas remembrance in the form of a large box of chocolates.

An immense line of handkerchiefs both boxed and without—get them at Berryman's. 146-t2

ELKS PLAY SANTA CLAUS TO CHARLEROI CHILDREN

Girl Hurt by Bobsled

Miss Gladys Keeney, of Monongahela Suffers Severe Injuries

Miss Gladys Keeney, of Monongahela was painfully if not seriously injured Wednesday evening while on her way home when she was struck by a large bob-sled which was coming down Fourth street there. Just before it reached Miss Keeney, one of the runners on the sled broke and the sled ran into the curb, striking Miss Keeney knocking her down and running over her.

Miss Keeney was badly cut on the head back of the left ear and across the forehead. Both limbs were badly injured. Because of the swelling the doctor is still unable to tell if any bones are broken. Her limbs are injured the worst at the knees, but are bruised from the knees to the ankles.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

Mail Employes Enjoy Annual Christmas Tree Observance

GIFTS FOR EVERYBODY

The second annual Christmas observance was enjoyed at noon today at the office of the Mail, when Santa Claus made his visitation. Every employe in the shop received various presents, ranging from the ridiculous to the sublime—which of course means from a doll baby to a box of candy.

On a "stone" in the center of the shop a small Christmas tree was lighted at 1 o'clock and the distribution of presents was started, Miss Jessie E. Copeland being the speechmaker.

The Christmas idea was started last year at the Mail when a similar observance was carried out to the supreme enjoyment of "those present."

Blankets for Grandma.

How old people treasure a gift that brings comfort and warmth. We suggest a pair of our splendid all wool country blankets. Plain white or plaids. Two special values at $4.25 and $5.00 the pair. Kirk and Clark, 421 McKean avenue. 145-t3

Tie, Handkerchief and Sox to match in pretty combination mirror and tie rack $1.00 at Berryman's. 146-t2

About 2,000 Tots Are Treated Wednesday at Elks' Home

BIG TREES FESTOONED

Santa Claus and His Brother There---Music During the Afternoon

Santa Claus, together with some of his brothers and first cousins stopped off in their holiday pilgrimage at the home of the Charleroi B. P. O. Elks on Third street long enough Wednesday afternoon to bring happiness into the hearts of 2,000 or more children. A Christmas tree brilliantly lighted with vari-colored glowing lights stood in the center of the large club room and from about this Kris Kringle and his faithful assistants performed their duties.

There were two of him—that is two of Santa Claus, but the original was inside superintending the giving. At least it must have been Santa Claus there, so benignly happy did he seem and so careful and considerate of the tiny tots was he. Outside at the top of the steps Santa Claus' favorite brother—looking just like the patron saint himself—helped to guide the favored ones into the treasure house at the door and in a line in the reception hall several school teachers had places to assist in keeping things just right. Then several first cousins to Santa Claus attended to the handing out of the boxes of candy, cracker-jack and to certain especially favored ones, a mysterious package containing—well, containing something more useful than candy and something that would last longer.

The hours for distribution of the treat were from 3 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon and there was practically an unbroken string of children filing in during the most of that two hours

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A Good Opportunity.

Here is an opportunity for some person to have the use of a small pony from now until the first of June. All that is required is to take the pony and take good care of it until the above date. Send address to 458 Mail office. 145-tfp

The Borough Council of Charleroi will receive prices on lots sufficient to erect a municipal building, said plot of ground to be approximately 80 by 100 feet or more. All propositions must be in the hands of council on or before Tuesday evening January 5 1915. Said propositions or options to remain in force until Feb. 5, 1915. Council reserves the right to reject any or all said propositions.

Ira L. Nickeson,
Borough Clerk.
D-23-24-26-29

J. K. Tener, Pres. A. Walton, Vice Pres. R. H. Rush, Cashier

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PARCEL POST.

The announcement that this has been the busiest Christmas in history at postoffices is not surprising. People are just beginning to realize the benefit of the parcel post system.

When the parcel post system was first established there was much talk about its possibilities, but the first year's utilitization of the new scheme, while indicating to some extent its usefulness, did not evidence its tremendous value to the nation. The parcel post system now is not a luxury; it is an absolute necessity.

ANOTHER MILESTONE.

Before another issue of the Mail reaches its readers the Christmas holiday will have come and gone. The glad Yuletide which chronicles the birth of the Son of Man, who was designed to become the revered of all Christendom is a momentous period, coming as it does when all Nature is at its worst in this part of the world when the days are shortest and the nights longest when the outdoor bleakness is most depressing to the human spirit, it brings hope, cheer, peace and good-will. With this spirit abroad all the world is akin, and the cause of universal brotherhood has advanced another step.

The spread of the Christmas spirit throughout the world is, and ever has been the most hopeful manifestation of the teachings of the great Nazarene whose divinity and leadership is designed to revolutionize the world. The signification of this divinity and leadership is "Peace on Earth, Good-will to men."—the sequence of the Golden rule. The vital element of Christ's teaching is that contained in the divine injunction. "Love thy neighbor as thyself." With his divine leadership in these great principals the progress of mankind upward and onward forever is pre-destined.

It is the repetition of these great truths at this season of the year, which brings man to his sense of duty. Each succeeding Chistmas marks a milestone in the upward progress of mankind, and gives additional cause for rejoicing and reverence for the great festival of Christmas.

PICKED UP IN PASSING

It is related that a kind-hearted person in Pittsburg recently invited a party of students of the deaf and dumb school to form a theatre party at a moving picture show.

The students accepted gleefully, for such a treat was rare to them. Their host became impressed after a short time at the movies that something was much wrong, but it was not until the next day that he found what had been the matter. Then he happened to be conversing in the sign language with an upper-class student.

"What was the trouble at the theatre last night?" he inquired, "the boys didn't seem to enjoy the pictures."

"They enjoyed them all right," signaled back the student, "but they don't like to see those moving picture fellows on the street cussing each other."

Then it dawned upon the kind-hearted one that the deaf and dumb folk had been watching the lips of the actors and had learned strange things.

In New York a new teacher found that a little negro girl was named Fertilizer Johnson.

"Are you sure that Fertilizer is your right name?" she asked.

"Yes, ma'am," replied the little girl.

"Well, tell your mother to come here," said the teacher.

The mother came the next day.

"Yes; Fertilizer is right," she said. "You see, I named her after her father and mother both. Her father's name is Ferdinand and my name is Li-a, so we called her Fertilizer."

TO OBSERVE CHRISTMAS

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this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church.

An entertainment by members of the Sunday school was given at the First Baptist church Wednesday evening, a treat was distributed

At the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church a Christmas musical service was held on Sunday evening.

Stores and business houses will be closed either all or nearly all day tomorrow. For many the day will be a quiet day at home. A number are anticipating going out of town to spend the day.

In order to accommodate the needs of local people the banks have arranged to keep open tonight from 7 o'clock to 11

One case of manicure sets, toilet sets, etc. great bargains at half price —Berryman's. 146-tf

Chas Chaplin in "Dough and Dynamite" two reel Keystone tomorrow afternoon. Sid Chaplin in "Among the Mourners" Keystone, tomorrow night Coyle theatre. 147-tf

Last Call.

We will be open till noon tomorrow for the benefit of late shoppers. Kirk & Clark. 147-tf

CRAFTON TAKES HOT GAME FROM CHARLEROI FIVE

The Charleroi basketball five battled stoutly against splendid team work and crack basket shooting of the leading Crafton team but ended the hard contest a loser by the score of 26 to 23 Wednesday night. The game was a good one.

Russell's boys played consistently all the way through and the Crafton shooters did the same thing. Two Craftonites were so splendiferously—whatever that is—good at basket shooting that they dropped in a couple from the center of the floor, which was going some.

Stark changed things a trifle for the game, playing the center position himself, and sending Allie Brown to guard. Mackey played Stark's forward. Irwin was on the other forward. Burke was on a guard. Line-up:

Charleroi—23		Crafton—26
Mackey	F	Goldman
Irwin	F	McGeary
Stark	C	Heisel
Brown	G	Meyers
Burke	G	Creed

Field goals—Mackey, Irwin 3, Stark 2, Brown. Goldman 3, McGeary 3, Heisel 2, Meyers. Goals from foul—Stark 7 of 11, Mackey 2 of 6, McGeary 8 of 16. Referee—Steytler. Timekeepers—Graeser, Krohe. Scorer—Kuhn.

Last Night's Result.

Crafton—26. Charleroi—23.

Standing of the Clubs.

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	W.	L.	Pct
Crafton	7	2	.778
Southside	4	3	.571
Jeannette	3	5	.375
Charleroi	3	7	.300

Friday Afternoon—Southside at Jeannette: Referees McGrane.

Friday Evening—Jeannette at Crafton: Referee Davis.

Saturday—Charleroi at Southside: Referee Davis.

Notice to Stockholders.

Charleroi, Pa., December 24th, 1914.

Election—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Charleroi Savings & Trust company will be held at the office of the company, corner of Fifth street and Fallowfield avenue, Charleroi, Pa., between the hours of 10 a. m. and 12 m., Tuesday, January 12th, 1915, for the election of directors to serve for the ensuing year; and for the transaction of any other business that may come before the meeting.

E. W. Hastings,
Secretary.
D-24-31-J-7

Christmas linens come in handy and you can save money on them at Berryman's. 146-tf

PERSONALS

Albert Wilson of State College and a basketball player with the team representing that college is at home for the holidays to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. M. Wilson of Fallowfield avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Price left this afternoon for West Middlesex, where they will spend Christmas.

A marriage license was granted at Cumberland, Md., Wednesday to Miss Ruth Rosetta Benna, of Baird and Curtis Albert Morris of North Charleroi.

Guy Woodward has gone to Wooster, O., where he will visit over Christmas with relatives.

Raymond Dixon was a Pittsburg caller Thursday.

Miss Rebecca Wilson has returned from Elizabeth N. J., where she has been visiting relatives.

Mrs. W. Davis and sons have gone to Uniontown where they will visit, for a few days.

Mrs. Adrian Reynal and children of Monongahela are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Laborie.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dorbritz and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dorbritz of Washington avenue have gone to New Kensington where they will visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Brand and daughter Miss Bertha will spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Brand's daughter, Mrs. Henry Lausburg, of Tarentum.

D. B. Laughridge, of Minot, North Dakota, is here the guest of his sister, Mrs. H. D. Park.

H. D. Park and D. B. Laughridge were in Pittsburg Thursday.

Robert Ledbeter of Coal Center was a visitor here with friends on Wednesday.

Homer Whitehead, of Washington, D. C., is at home to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Whitehead, of Prospect avenue.

LADIES' QUARTET WILL SING AT THE HOSPITAL

The Ladies' quartet of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church will sing at Charleroi Monessen hospital tomorrow morning and will present gifts to patients. In the quartet are Misses Emma Clutter, Elma Collins, Genevieve Nutt and Mamie Rockwell. Miss Bethel Bowman is the pianist.

ELKS PLAY SANTA

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period. Quietly as they filed in, they filed out the rear door.

A special committee had been appointed from the Elks' lodge to arrange and carry out plans for the affair, and the committee was assisted by other members of the lodge. The committee was composed of the following: Harry C. Hormell, chairman; W. B. Patterson, S. W. Sharpnack, Fred W. Brady and T. H. Warrensford.

Orchestral music was furnished during the afternoon by Wheeler's orchestra, playing freely as representing local 592, American Federation of Musicians. Prof. T. L. Pollock, superintendent of schools, with several of his teachers assisted, together with the police in directing the children, and to them the members of Charleroi lodge feel grateful for helping make the affair the success it was. Several children owing to illness were unable to be present to receive the treat which should have been theirs Wednesday afternoon, but they will not be missed. Today kind-hearted persons are delivering treats saved especially for them.

WAR NOTES

London, Dec. 24.—The allies in the west, the Germans in Poland and the Russians in east Prussia and Galicia continue their offensive operations, but the advance has been very slight. The armies are fighting with a determination which has not been exceeded since the war began. The Germans finding the road to Warsaw blocked by Russians made an attack from the southwest and have reached Skiernciewies, which is about 40 miles from the Polish capital. The Russians have withdrawn from Cracow. In Galicia the Russians have resumed the offensive against the Austro-German forces.

Petrograd, Dec. 24.—On the twenty-second the Turks showed evidences of great activity in the direction of Olti, 55 miles west of Kars. They made a series of attacks in the direction of Sary-Kamysh, but these failed. The Russian troops broke their defense after hard fighting.

Amsterdam, Dec. 24.—The Germans at Brussels have withdrawn their demand for a new war contribution of $100,000,000, presumably owing to the protest of the American minister, who asserted that the levy violated the Hague convention.

Rome, Dec. 24.—A rumor is in circulation that Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria-Hungary is dying. The report has it that the emperor-king has received the last sacrament.

Paris, Dec. 24.—A number of French generals have been transferred at their own request, from the active army to the reserve forces. Most of them are broken in health owing to the hardships they have endured. It is said that none of them have been retired.

Rome, Dec. 24.—Cardinal Gasparri papal secretary of state, urges all combatants to lay down their arms and settle their disputes according to the dictates of justice.

Petrograd, Dec. 24.—Germany is energetically pushing the candidature of Prince Eitel Frederick for the throne of Hungary, the independence of which is expected to be one result of the war. He is the second son of Emperor William.

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Ducks, Rabbits, Fresh Fish all kinds
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And everyone who will say this can find a strong and helpful ally in the New Holiday Fund just started at this Bank.

Why not start today, and see what happiness and prosperity will be in store for you next Christmas.

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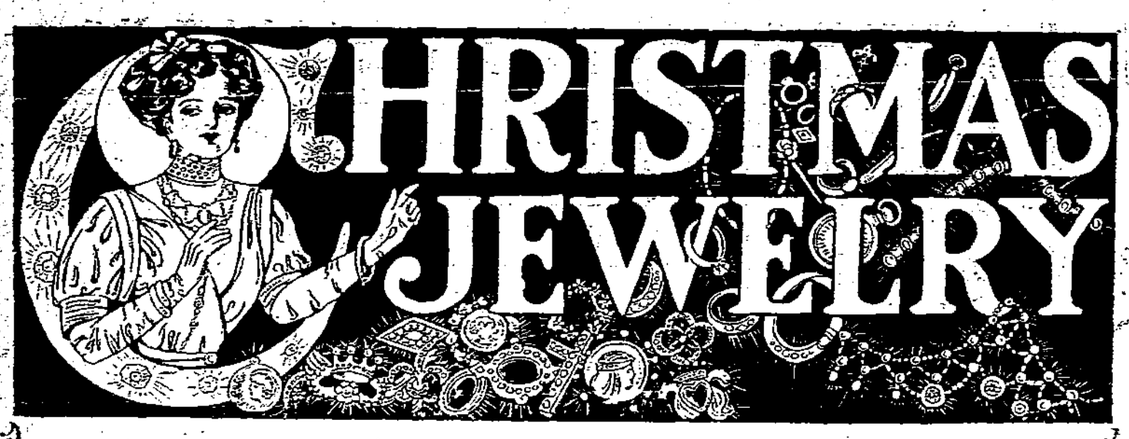

The Xmas Gifts

Shoppers who are in search of gifts that are of superb excellence—that is of gratifying quality and that will prove a delight to the recipient will find our complete stocks of jewelry, watches, precious stones, silverware, or anything he is looking for. Here are a few suggestions:

Fobs, Stick Pins, Watches, Rings, Cigarette Case, LaValiers, Brooches, Waldamar Chains, Lockets, and Pocket Knives. Our prices are not "Xmas" ones—they all represent the maximum value for money.

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TELLS OF TENSE MOMENTS

Man of Prominence Had Two, and Their Causes Were of Widely Different Beginnings.

I heard a prominent Cambridge man tell of the two most tense moments of his life yesterday, says a correspondent of the Boston Journal. But the tension in each case was different.

"I doubt if I ever shall forget either occasion," he said, reflectively. "They were big moments.

"The first was when I was in college. I was captain of the baseball team that year. We came to the end of the ninth. We needed one run to tie the score and another to win the game. Two men down and two on the sacks when I came to bat. And for once in my career I did it. I lined out a three-bagger, right over the railroad track. When I felt it go—well, that was one occasion.

"And the other." He chuckled, but a slow flush crept over his cheeks. "It was thirty years ago, soon after I left college. I went over to see a girl I thought was pretty nice and to meet her folks for the first time. I went on a Sunday. All the men were away. And they had duck for dinner." He stopped. "Ever carve a duck?" he asked meaningly. "No, neither had I before. Nor have I since." His blush deepened. "I never even went to see that girl again," he added plaintively.

WHAT BAROMETER SHOWS

Some Short Rules for the Intelligent Reading of This Most Useful of Instruments.

Do you properly understand the barometer? Many people tap the glass, note a rise or fall, say it will therefore be wet or fine, and there end. But there's more in barometrical science than that. The following key might be cut out for reference.

A steady rise shows that fine weather may be expected, and, in winter, frost. A rapid rise indicates unsettled weather. Fine weather immediately after a rise must not be expected to last. The barometer often rises from a northward change in the wind. A fall of half a tenth or more in an hour is a sure warning of a storm. A fall with a low thermometer foretells snow or rain. With a rising thermometer, wind or rain from the south.

A fall in winter indicates warmer weather; in hot weather, thunder. Fine weather may occur with a low glass, but it precedes wind or rain. The rise or fall of a barometer rather than its absolute height shows an approaching change, so the usual words, "Fair," "Change," etc., cannot always be depended on. The rise from a low point indicates the close approach of gales.

Press-Gang.

The press-gang was an institution which flourished in Great Britain in the olden times when impressment was the mode resorted to for manning the navy. The practice, which had not only the sanction of custom, but the force of law, consisted in seizing by force, for service in the royal navy, seamen, river watermen and at times landsmen. The press-gang, an armed party of reliable men commanded by officers, usually proceeded to such houses in the seaport towns as were supposed to be the resort of the seafaring population, laid violent hands on all eligible men, and conveyed them forcibly to the ships of war in the harbor. Mitigations of the harsh laws on the subject were frequently introduced. As early as 1563 the naval authorities had to secure the sanction of the local justices of the peace; in 1835 the term of an impressed man's service was limited to five years save in urgent national necessity. By that time the system was becoming obsolete, and now the navy is manned by voluntary service. But the laws sanctioning impressment are in abeyance, without being repealed.

Every Woman a Nurse.

Every woman, or at least almost every woman, has, at one time or another of her life, charge of the personal health of somebody, whether child or invalid—in other words, every woman is a nurse. Every day sanitary knowledge, or the knowledge of nursing, or, in other words, of how to put the constitution in such a state that it will have no disease, or that it can recover from disease, takes a higher place. It is recognized as the knowledge which every one ought to have—distinct from medical knowledge, which only a profession can have.

If, then, every woman must at some time or other in life, become a nurse, i. e., have charge of somebody's health, how immense and how valuable would be the product of her united experience if every woman would think how to nurse.—Florence Nightingale.

Badly Treated Book.

To restore to good condition the leaves of the valuable book that have been defaced by careless treatment, rub the soiled parts gently with a piece of bread, then cover the spots that remain (except those upon which there is printing) with blotting paper dampened in a solution of oxalic acid. This will be prepared by a druggist. Then pass a hot iron over the blotting paper until it dries. To remove the deep creases in the leaves, put the leaves between two pieces of white blotting paper, slightly dampened, and press with a warm iron until the page is quite smooth.

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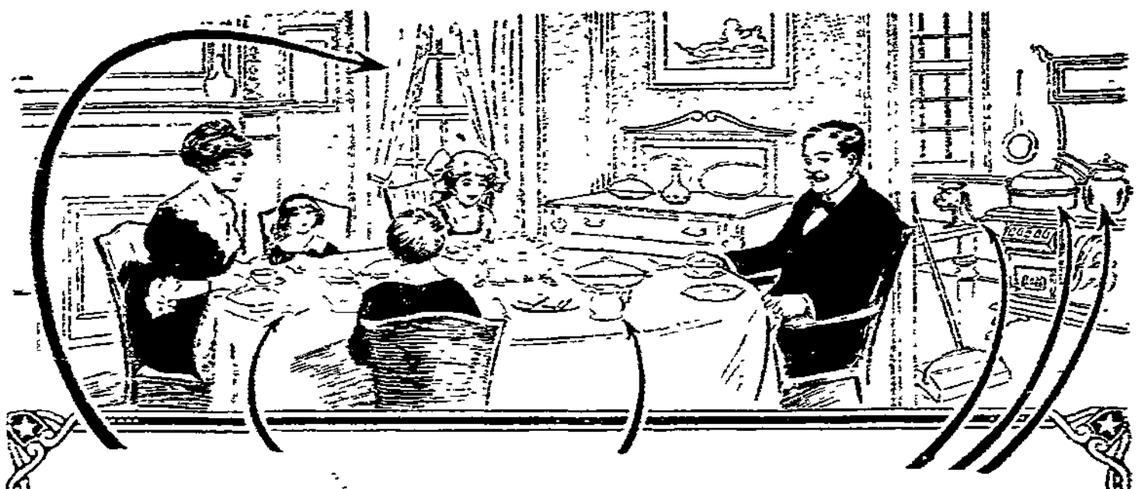

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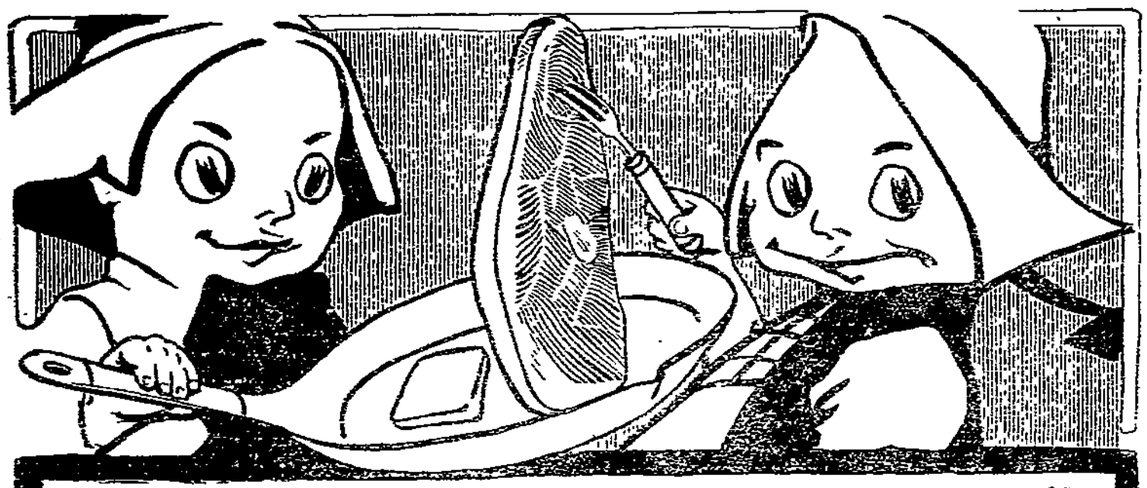
AMONG THE THEATRES

COYLE—CHARLEROI

Manager Coyle at the Coyle theatre this week presented two of the famous Paramount pictures and made announcement of what is expected to prove one of the best he ever has had for next week. The two presented were "The Man From Mexico," on Tuesday night and "Ready Money" on Thursday night. The one to be seen next week is that of "The Man From Home," in which William Hodge starred some years ago in legitimate drama. "The Man From Mexico" is a comedy of ludicrous dilemmas and laughable misfortunes. John Barrymore was shown in the stellar role at the Coyle. "Ready Money" is a tense dramatic play. Edward Abeles was starred in it by the Paramount people. The coming play, "The Man From Home" is one of the best ever staged, and its promised presentation in moving pictures for local audiences is being hailed with delight.



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PALACE—CHARLEROI

At the Palace theatre on Monday "The Hoosier Schoolmaster", a play adapted from the book by Eggleston and one of the Alliance program company releases was shown. The leading roles were enacted by Max Figman, and Lola Robertson, who are well known moving picture people. Mr. Figman was surrounded by an all star cast. The week-end provided the best in the vaudeville line for patrons of the Palace. Stella Cope, the banjo girl was an artist in her line as were Hunter and Ross, comedy entertainers. Hagerty and LeClare presented a comedy sketch. Among the best photo plays for the week were, "Unrest", a three-part picture, "Lost in London," and "The Romance of a Poor Man." Each Monday evening one of the Alliance programs are shown. In these pictures some of the leading stage people are featured.

STAR—CHARLEROI.

Manager Cowan started a new serial at the Star theatre this week. Each episode is a complete story in itself. The new serial is "Zudora." This week the "Mystery of the Sleeping House" was shown. These pictures are considered to be the most stupendous motion picture production ever brought out. "The King of the Air," showing how youth's determination overcame parential opposition was a splendid Eclectic film in three parts. Henry King was featured in "The Stranger." "A Great Secret," featuring Edwin August, was a story brimful of heart throbs. Talking pictures are the attraction on Friday and Saturday.

LYRIC—CHARLEROI.

Alice Joyce, appeared this week at the Lyric theatre in the one act dramatic novelty "Fate's Midnight Hour," which was produced by Keneon Buel. "The First Christmas," will be the attraction for Friday. This is a magnificent production depicting the downfall of a rich young man who is befriended by compassionate shepherds. While he is watching over the flocks the angel of the Lord appears and announces the birth of the Savior. Then the shepherds go to Bethlehem where they behold Mary and the Babe. "A Million Bid," was a broadway star production in five parts shown the first of the week. Other pictures presented during the week were: "The Erring," "The Prison Stain," and "The Hopeless Game."

GRAND—PITTSBURG.

New Years week—meaning the six days beginning Monday, Dec. 28—will be a gay time at the Grand Opera house for the program of vaudeville which Harry Davis has prepared for the holidays will consist of nine attractions. It is particularly interesting to note America's premier buffon, Eddie Foy, and the 7 little Foys are coming, and that as an extraordinary attraction a Burton Holmes Travellette on "India Today" will be given. The Foys are about the biggest thing in vaudeville—the attraction par excellence. Their act consists of a happily arranged musical skit called "Fun in Foyland," written by William Jerome, and so arranged that all the Foys, from father down the steps to baby Foy, have ample latitude to display all the talents which each individual possesses. They can all sing and dance, crack jokes and impersonate, and Eddie Foy in the midst of his boys and girls is the same eccentric comedian that he was in "The Orchid" "Mr. Hamlet of Broadway," "Over the River" and the Henderson spectacular productions. The children range in age from seventeen to five. Burton Holmes, who is America's foremost lecturer and globe trotter, has been persuaded to permit his tabloid travelogue to be presented for the first time in vaudeville. It will be illustrated with motion pictures and color dissolving views with descriptive text from notes by Mr. Holmes during a recent visit to India. In addition to these leading features, the seven other numbers on the program include "The Girl from Milwaukee," a remarkable vocalist who is said to have the largest range of any living singer, and the Langdons in their unique satire on automobiling entitled "A Night on the Boulevard." There will also beauthentic realistic moving pictures of scenes in the European War.

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BENTLEYVILLE

Loses Money.

William Teal, a well known carpenter of the Bentleyville section, suffered a loss of $75 Wednesday. Teal was coming home from McDonald where he is employed as a carpenter. His family lives here. He had a month's earnings on his person when he entered the street car. During the ride he was "jostled" and upon alighting from the car he found his roll missing. He reported the matter but the money was not recovered.

Watch Meeting.

The members of the local Methodist church will hold a watch meeting in the Methodist church New Year's eve. During the watch topics of interest concerning the new year, its possibilities, legends and stories of other New Years will be related by the waiting congregation. Music and singing will fill up the interludes.

To Give Treat.

The juvenile classes of the Bentleyville Methodist Sunday school will be given a treat in the local M. E. church Thursday evening. A general assemblage of the old and young will be held but only the smaller classes will be treated because of the small collections toward the Christmas treat.

Merry Christmas.

Thursday—the day before—everything is one great rush of shoppers in Bentleyville. Late shoppers crowd the cars between Bentleyville and Charleroi. Everything bids fair for the little town to enjoy a merry Christmas.

Personal Mention.

Eben Caldwell, a senior of the University of Pittsburg is spending the holidays with his brother, Stanley F. Caldwell of the Washington road.

Robert Johns of Beallsville, was a business visitor in Bentleyville Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Wilour Huffman was a shopper among the various Charleroi shops Wednesday.

Raymond O'Harry of Palestine, O has returned home after spending some time in the Bentleyville section.

Mrs. Alexander N. Booth of Main street, was a shopper in Charleroi Wednesday forenoon.

Perry Tuman of Monongahela, spent Wednesday in town among friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Greenlee of north Bentleyville are spending some time in the various "river towns."

Mrs. Jonas Emery and daughter, Geraldine of near this place are calling in Charleroi and Pittsburg.

Mrs. James Collins of Oak street, is spending some time with friends and relatives in McKeesport.

Mervi Cheu of Beallsville was a business caller in town Wednesday.

Robert Drobeck was a pleasure seeker in Cokeburg Wednesday evening.

Hobart Watson of Vanceville was a caller in town Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. George Newman of South Main street is not improving as rapidly as was predicted.

Stanley F. Caldwell, a local druggist, has returned home after spending some time attending to business matters in Pittsburg.

Miss Grace Henderson, who has been spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. John Frost of Monongahela has returned to her home in Cokeburg.

Joseph J. Boyle of Monongahela, was recent business visitor in town.

Lewis Ramsey of South Main street has returned home after spending a few days with friends and relatives in Monongahela.

Max Wherry a student of Thiel college has returned to his home in Scenery Hill to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Julius Kinder and daughter, Effie, have returned to their home near here after spending a few days shopping in Pittsburg.

Ralph McCarthy has returned to his home in Washington after spending some time at the home of Prof. and Mrs. Elmer E. McGill of South Main street.

Dr. A. N. Booth, who recently slipped and fell in front of his home on Main street, is rapidly recovering from the injurys sustained.

Mrs. U. Grant Ames of near Vanceville has purchased the residence property of the late Levina C. Huffman on South Main street.

A marriage has been granted to Koseotin Geppie and Martha Maschelnonious both of Hazelkirk by the clerk of courts.

Dr. J. Kirby of Cokeburg was a recent business caller in town.

Obituary.

Charles Mox, aged 18 years, of Cokeburg was buried in the Scenery Hill cemetery Monday. After a short illness Mox died in the Mercy hospital in Pittsburg.

Charles Henzelka, aged 40 years, of Elizabeth, died at the Mercy hospital in Pittsburg Friday. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon. His body was interred in the Beallsville cemetery.

Leo Sullivan, aged 22 years of Ellsworth, died Saturday in the Mercy hospital after a prolonged illness of an acute rheumatic nature. Interment took place Tuesday in the Catholic cemetery in Monongahela.

Adaptable Shirt.

The head of the house came down stairs in a great rage.

"Where's my tennis shirt—the cellular one? Never can find a thing in this house."

"Do you mean the old one you had last year?" his wife interposed soothingly. "I told Dorothy she could have it."

"Old one! I only wore it twice. And what the deuce does my daughter want with my shirts?"

"Well, you see, dear, she wanted a blouse in a hurry for that garden party on Saturday. She was hunting round for some material and found your shirt. The wide sleeves, the turndown collar and breast pocket were all the latest thing in blouses. She only had to shorten the sleeves, lower the neck and sew on three buttons, and in a few minutes the dear, clever girl had a new blouse. You haven't another one for Margaret, have you?"—Manchester Guardian.

Activities of Women.

The International Woman Suffrage Alliance comprises nearly 30 affiliated associations with a membership of over 2,000,000

Because she dared to pass judgment on a case, Mrs M. J. Kendall, New England's only woman sheriff, was fined $10 by the court.

Misses Lulu and Louie Kelly are the only registered pharmacists operating in Kansas They will have a large drug store in Topeka.

Over $20,000 was collected in one day at Paris recently for the Red Cross society, when 5,000 women sold artificial flowers.

There is a law in Austria under which a wife seeking refuge in that country may be extradited back to her husband if he wants her back.

Miss Bertha Miller, a lawyer of Missouri, is the first of her sex to be admitted to membership in the National Association of Credit Men.

Quick Service
For Gift Buyers

THE short time 'till Christmas means that you must shop where you can buy the most in the shortest time. We've re-arranged every article,---we've increased our sales force,---everything has been made easy for you to fill the little gaps in your gift lists.

Furs for Gifts

The ideal gift---a fur set or separate fur piece---a beautiful set here to match any suit or coat. Sets for women $6.00 to 75.00. Furs for children $2.00 to 20.00.

Bath Robes

For comfort, convenience and appearance bath robes are unequalled as gift articles.
Robes for men...$3.00 to 10.00
Robes for women 2.50 to 5.00
Robes for children 1.00 to 1.50

Dolls, Teddy Bears

Our doll department for all sizes and prices in the best dolls---own on import---teddy bears.
Dolls.....10c to $6.50
Bears.....25c and up to 2.00

Aprons, Waists

Pretty serving aprons, lace and ribbon trimmed 25c and up.

Pretty waists for giving---one always fits in---they come in crepes, mulls, silks, chiffons,.....$1.50 to 6.50
Pretty kimonas... 1.00 to 2.50

Tie Rack Sets

A special value for Christmas. Combination of tie rack, mirror calendar and pretty picture framed with tie, handkerchief and hose to match, well worth $1.50, our special price.....1.00

Tie and Pencil Boxed

Pretty ties packed in Xmas boxes with handsome gold plated pocket pencil.....75c set

Belt Fob and Bill Book Set

Handsome sets of grained leather fob, belt and bill book with gold mountings in box ready for giving.....$1.50 set

Special Half Price Articles

One case of manicure sets, toilette sets, jewel boxes, etc. ---ranging in price from 50c to $8.00. Some extraordinary bargains at HALF PRICE

Umbrellas for Men and Women

Handsome umbrellas for men and women $1.00 to 6.50. For children 50c, 75c and 1.00

Gift Books

Easy to select, always appreciated—nothing better than a good book. Books for young and old in our book department, 10c, 25c, 50c and up

Handkerchiefs

Handkerchiefs for men, women and children, boxed and without—boxed at 5c and up; other handkerchiefs 3c to 50c

Neckwear for Men and Women

We have an unbroken assortment of neckwear from 25c up and you'll find just the gift displayed here.

Boudoir caps 50c, $1 and up

Gloves are Useful Gifts

French kid gloves, silks, chamoisettes, etc., for women. 25c and up to $3.75.

Kid, mocha and heavy service gloves for men and boys.

Traveling Slippers

Packed in leather case for men or women $1.25 and up to 1.75.

Combination traveling sets $2.00 to 6.00.

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It is hard to think of anything that would please the kiddies more than to have a pair of these wonderful little shoes waiting them on Christmas morning. They're built for wear and shaped to give the utmost of comfort, health and happiness to the ones with tender growing feet.

CLAYBAUGH--MILLIKEN

Kirk & Clark's will be open till noon tomorrow. See ad on other page. 147-tf

New Modern English.

Little lessons in manners where she deems them necessary are being given by Miss Agues Scotland, stenographer to City Forester John Boddy, to school children calling at city hall for garden seeds this week.

"Tip your cap," she told a boy yesterday.

A dull stare of incomprehension met the suggestion.

"Tip your cap."

Still no response.

"O, lift your lid," shouted Miss Scotland.

Off came the cap. He understood that.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

With every 50c bottle of Trailing Arbutis Toilet water you will get an atomizer free at Carroll's Drug store tomorrow. Adv

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LOST—Pocket book, in Charleroi P. R. R. station in ladies toilet, $15.00 and small change. Please return to Charleroi station agent and receive reward. 146-t2p

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NONE IMMUNE TO DISEASE

It Is Now Recognized as a Fallacy That the Weak Are More Generally Its Victims.

The claim has been advanced that the infectious diseases have benefited the race by the destruction of the unfit. This idea I have combated most vigorously since our study of typhoid fever in the army, writes Dr Victor L. Vaughan in Science. My colleagues and I found that out of 9,481 soldiers who had previously been on the sick list report and could not be regarded as possessing standard health, 643, or 6.8 per cent, contracted typhoid fever; whereas, out of 46,348 men who had no preceding illness, 7,197, or 15.3 per cent, developed typhoid fever. More than 90 per cent of the men who developed typhoid had no preceding intestinal disorder. Under ordinary conditions the strong, busy man, especially the one whose activities demand wide excursions from his home, is more likely to become infected than the one whose sphere of action is more limited on account of infirmity. The reason for this is too obvious to need statement, and it follows that more men than women and more adults than children have typhoid fever. Moreover, the mortality is greater among the strong Contagion, like war, destroys the very flower of the race. The view is sustained by the historians of the pestilence of former times.

Sad Ending of Expedition.

Captain Kelsey, leader of the Cape to Cairo motor car expedition, has died as the sequel to the injuries which he received on April 12 while leopard hunting. Thus tragically ends the Cape to Cairo expedition, which started so auspiciously, the king himself receiving its members at Buckingham palace, the Duchess of Argyll christening the car, the governor-general presenting it with a flag, and large bodies of friends in Cape Colony bidding it farewell.

SPOILED BY LIFE IN EAST

Uncle Sam's Army Officers and Surveyors Miss Native Servants When They Return Home.

One of the members of the staff of army engineers who has just been relieved from duty on the Panama canal called attention the other day to an aspect of life on the isthmus which has received little attention in this country.

"I was born in the South," he said, "and I can just remember the perfect servants that my father had when I was a boy. I was too young to remember much about the conditions that prevailed on the big plantations before the conflict, but though my parents and most of their neighbors were ruined by it and had to curtail their establishments, the negroes who stayed in service retained the tradition of ante-bellum days for many years after the war.

"When I left my home it was to come face to face with the servant problem as it is known only in the North. I had forgotten that there was such a thing as a cheerful, competent servant who did not feel above his work, until a kind providence sent me to the isthmus. A Jamaica negro whom I employed as a man of all work about my quarters showed me depths of domestic contentment that I never dreamed existed.

"That man, I am certain, stayed awake nights to think up little attentions with which to surprise me. I never returned from a hard day on the canal so hot and tired that Christy did not succeed after a few minutes in nursing me into a good humor. The amazing thing about him, as about all good servants, was the perfect tact he displayed. His knowledge of my moods was almost uncanny, and seemingly he took a delight in anticipating the vagaries of my temper. Sometimes I thought he regarded it as a sort of game in which he matched his powers of pleasing against my bad disposition.

"Old naval officers tell of a man well known in Japan some years ago, who after 30 years spent on the other side of the Pacific, decided to revisit his native land. For months before his visit friends in this country received letters from him full of anticipation of good times. At last a letter gave the date of his arrival. The newspapers reported that his ship had made port, but the expatriate didn't turn up to greet his expectant friends. Instead one of his acquaintances got this note:

"'Dear Jim: I arrived today, but I'm going right back. I'm hanged if I'll stay in a country where a man has to put in his own shirt studs.'

"That tale may seem extreme to a person who has never known the luxury of life in countries where servants are plentiful, but since I have been to Panama and the Philippines I have come to have much the same attitude. It is a terrible jolt for an army lieutenant who has been living like a lord and saving money on his pay in the tropics to wake up to face debt and a hall bedroom in New York."

Old Custom Upheld by Law.

The quaint custom of "downing tools" when a fatality occurs in a pit prevails at the New Moss colliery, Ashton-under-Lyne, as at other places in the English coal fields. Not long ago a miner met with an accident, and a rumor spread among the men that he had been killed Some 30 or 40 men in the shaft ceased work, and the next day 200 failed to go to work, with the result that the colliery was stopped. With a view to stopping the custom the 200 men and youths were summoned for leaving work without giving notice. In this case the man was not dead, and damages were claimed for the stoppage of coal getting. The men marched in procession to the court, singing all the way, and were received in front of the court house by a large crowd of several thousands. After a hearing occupying five hours the bench dismissed all the cases on the ground that the men had proved the custom. The result was received with cheering in the court, and the defendants were demonstratively received by the large crowd on emerging.

As a Principle of Gravity.

Newton discovered the principle of gravity: he did not undertake to explain what the mysterious force is. Modern physicists are inclined to think that its nature is electrical. But Dr. John Mills, in a letter to Science, states the problem that is of chief concern to thinkers, is as follows:

"Neither a quest for an 'explanation' of the cause of natural gravity, on the one hand, nor a mere nonlogical acceptance of the fact as a matter of belief or blind faith, on the other, but the evolutionary development in the minds of men of a scientific satisfaction not only with not knowing, but with not ever being able to find out any rational and consistent theory or explanation for the attractional influence among all portions of matter which is called gravity and which is the essential, universal, and unalterable attribute of all material things whatsoever. Obviously, such a conception involves rather more of philosophy and psychology than of so-called physical science."

Poor Quality.

"An' you were at MacDougal's last nicht—what kind o' mahn is he?"

"Leebral wi' his whisky—but the quality o' it's that indeefrent I verra near left some!"

PAYS TO WATCH THE PENNIES

Real Explanation of Why Some Men Are Wealthy, and Others Are Directly the Reverse.

It is a habit that a rich man assumes to pick up a penny whenever or wherever they can conveniently, and sometimes they will go out of their way to do so. I remember when I was a small boy, that was nearly fifty years ago, a very wealthy man in our city came driving along toward a high overhead railroad bridge. I was playing with some companions of mine on the bridge.

I cannot exactly remember why it was done, but I fished a penny out of my pocket and was showing it to my boy companions when it slipped through my fingers and dropped to the pavement below. The wealthy old man drove up, and to all appearances he was in deep thought with his head buried upon his chest.

He saw my penny, however, deliberately stopped his horse, getting out of his carriage, picked up that penny, pocketed it, and returning to his wagon drove off as if nothing had ever happened.

There was a sad heart pulsing over his head, I can tell you, for a penny in those days was as big as a dime is to a boy today, and I felt the loss of it keenly. That man was a multimillionaire, and by just such little things as that was how he was constantly accumulating more all of the time.

The average boy of today does not take advantage of his opportunities to make and to save. There seem to be too many forms of temptation thrown in his way to rid him of his extra dimes and nickels, when if they were saved and deposited in some savings institution a startling result would be achieved in a few years.—Portland Express and Advertiser.

DRAMA FOUND IN EVERYTHING

Philosophical Tribute to the Morbidly Curious, Who Are Subject to Much Criticism.

Dickens noted in his day—as I in mine—how casual people in the street would flatten their noses against the window of a chemist's shop in order to catch a glimpse of some little surgical repair which the victim of a trivial accident might be undergoing in the back parlor.

"Morbid curiosity," says the superior person, who may none the less have taken his own measures to become acquainted with each gory detail. The superior person is notoriously short sighted and may even be said to wear blinkers; the nose flatteners are not, perhaps, articulate, and can give no philosophical description of the promptings which move them, but they are swayed, however, unconsciously, by the excitation of their dramatic sense.

They are doing reverence, though ignorant, to the foundation truth that there is drama in everything and even in nothing.—Percy Clare, in London Chronicle.

The Perpetual Blunderer.

Ever meet the affable gentleman who smilingly confesses that he has made a mistake in some matter or other and is richly and profoundly regretful—won't you forgive him—and bear the penalty of his blunder yourself, like a jolly fellow? Fine, gentle-mannered, valuable acquaintance, isn't he—this fellow with the infinite capacity for blundering and the generous capacity to apologize and leave you to hold the bag, puzzled to know just why you grasped hold of the thing? Afterward you regret meeting him and try to transfer your business elsewhere, don't you? Of course, all of us make mistakes in judgment and action—and most of us are quite ready to condone the occasional lapse from accuracy—but what shall we do with the fellow whose blunders average 50 per cent or more? Where is his place in the business system of the world? Ought he not, as a mark of appreciation, be given a job driving a garbage wagon?

Woodchuck "Bile 'Em Fust."

Horace Kephart once asked old Uncle Bob Flowers, one of his neighbors in the Smokies: "Did you ever eat a woodchuck?"

"Reckon I don't know what them is."

"Ground-hog."

"O, la! dozens of 'em. The red ones hain't good, but the gray ones! Man, they'd jest make yer mouth water!"

"How do you cook them?"

"Cut the leetle red kernels out from under their foreigs; then bile 'em fust—all the strong is left in the water—then pepper 'em and sage 'em, and put 'em in a pan and bake 'em to a nice rich brown, and—then I don't want nobody there but me!"—Buffalo News.

Beauty of Character.

There is a sweetness of the child, and a sweetness of the old. The sweetness of the child is largely independent of his personality. It is in his ways and in his looks, and the same thing is true, though not quite so much of the young woman. But when sweetness comes at sixty it is the expression of the very nature of the soul. J. M. Barrie somewhere, we believe, has said that no woman is really beautiful until she is fifty-three. The beauty that is worth most is the beauty that is connected with the character itself.—Selected.